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Latest Tailwinds

Derek Abramson, Editor



Happy New Year AVTI. It has been another busy and interesting month.

First some bad news. Long time club member, Vic Anderson has passed away after a rather long illness. He has been a great help to the club and he will be missed. Please add him and his family to your thought and prayers.

I saw and spoke with some fellow club members at this year's AMA convention. The convention had some great models on display and seemed to be successful. I was representing NASA Armstrong with some historic aircraft that were present. It was a good time

In December, the AVTI Christmas party was held at Vince's. The gathering was very well attended and was a great success. It was great seeing everybody before the end of the year. There were many prizes which included the usual Don Chaffe airplane win.

There has been a few great flying days here and there that were punctuated with some wonderfully rainy weather. Because of the wet weather, there have been a lot of bird activity though. But hey, we can't have everything.

Keep those wings level guys and gals!!



Derek's Mr. Mulligan, Howard DGA-6



NASA Inflatable Wing

AVTI SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS	
February 2 6:00 PM 25	AVTI Swap Meet and Meeting WJF Terminal Classic Pattern Meet, AVTI
March 2 7:00 PM	General Meeting WJF



NASA Moth (Beam Powered Airplane)

AVTI HISTORY

I will be creating the AVTI History page located on the club's website <http://www.avti.org/>. Any pictures, newspaper or magazine articles, event fliers that you may have would be welcome. Oral history (stories) would also be welcome. Materials would be returned if requested. Please email myself the Newsletter editor or the Webmaster.



President's Message

Hello AVTI members!

I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and has started off the New Year well.

We lost another member a few weeks ago. Vic Anderson passed away after a long illness. Vic was a great guy, always friendly and smiling. He often attended the pattern events just to help out with judging. He is going to be missed by all his friends and family.

The next meeting on February 2 will have a Swap Shop starting at 6. So gather up your stuff and cash and let's get some new owners for your items!

Our next event at the field will be on February 25th. That will be the Classic Pattern Contest. Saturday is the planned day but if the weather is bad we may move it to Sunday. Hope to see you there!

I have asked Jean Greear about getting the gym at her school for some indoor flying. We will get back with some dates. If there is enough interest we can set up an indoor FPV race course and do some racing with the micro drones like the Blade Inductrix FPV. There are a lot of better indoor models these days so we should be able to have some fun.

Hope to see you at the field!

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Vice President's Message

Hi all, I hope everyone had a nice holiday and the new year is finding you healthy and able to spend time at the field.

We have been out to the field a few times this month to test fly a couple of new planes. I am the happy owner of a Calypso and the Opterra and Mike has the Radian Pro. We are in the process of taking the plunge into FPV flying by mounting the equipment in a T-28.

The rains we've had lately is helping to put water back into Lake Elizabeth but we need more storms to get the water up to the ramp so we can float fly. Hope to see you at the field



General Meeting Minutes

January 05 2017

Compiled by Derek Abramson

The Meeting was called to order by Tony Frackowiak. There were 9 members present.

No Minutes and Treasurer's report read

Old Business:

- Great Christmas Party at Vince's. Full room.

New Business

- Generator purchased and will be installed into the CONEX
- No updates if WM will delay the field closing by another year
- Renew your AMA Membership

Model of the Month: Tony Frackowiak

50/50: Don Chaffe

Membership: Preston Knepper

Meeting was adjourned by a Majority vote at 7:50 PM.



Treasurer's Report as of 1/5/17

By

Tony Frackowiak

Income since last Report - \$272.81

Expenses since last Report - \$1,108.10

Vince's Reservation	\$(50.00)
Xmas Party Gifts - My payback	\$(444.17)
Meeting Awards	\$(25.00)
Mack - Generator	\$(488.93)
Aarow - Restroom thru 11/31/16	\$(100.00)

Checking Account Balance - \$7,262.71

AVTI Flying Field Reserve Fund in Checking Maximizer Account- \$28,913.33

Financial Assets Total is \$36,176.04

Total dues collected for 2016/2017, as of 1/5/17 - \$4,335.00

Membership Total for 2016/2017 - 58

Members not Renewed for 2016/2017 - 19

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Thanks!

Barkley's Safety Tip

January 28, 2017



Hey guys!

A few weeks ago one of our members, Don Chaffee, had a bad experience with a pusher propeller. The Boss and him were going to test fly his new E-Flite Opterra. Don launched the model and the prop hit his hand. The cuts were many and somewhat severe. After going to the Emergency Room, being worked on for 2 ½ hours and receiving around 60 stitches, Don was back out flying the next weekend. But it could have been much worse. So please everyone, always be careful around those spinning knife blades! With electric power they don't quit on first contact, they just keep spinning. Even the smallest model can do quite a bit of damage.

I hope to see you all at the field soon. I'll be the one wagging his tail!

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* Membership Meeting *

February 2, 2016
6:00 PM KWJF

* Board of Directors Meeting *

TBD Please See Website

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Annaliese Abramson behind the controls of an
NASA F-15